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1. During the summer of 1951, two Chinese technicians called at the Wissenschaftlich-Technische Zusammenarbeit (WTZ) department of the Zentralamt fur Forschung und Technik (ZAFT). They requested that ZAFT provide, in keeping with its program for scientific and technical cooperation between Eastern Bloc nations, the blueprints of a shale tar factory. The Chinese government intends to rebuild a shale tar factory in the Mukden region; the plant [redacted] was destroyed during the Chinese civil war. The blueprints have also been lost. [redacted]

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2. Later in 1951, DDR Minister of Construction Gerhard Ziller visited China and promised the Chinese government that the DDR would build a hard coal (Steinkohle) hydrogenation installation in China. When the Chinese transmitted Ziller's statement to East Germany, ZAFT said that the DDR was not in a position to make good the Minister's promise.

3. In early 1952, the Chinese decided to build a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis plant and requested assistance from the DDR. In early May 1952, the Chinese Trade Delegation asked ZAFT to expedite the matter. The task of drawing up complete blueprints was assigned by ZAFT to Konstruktionsbüro Industriebau, Berlin.2

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2. [redacted] Comment: Not identifiable from available reference material.

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